

OBEY BRIEFED ON METHAMPHETAMINE PREVENTION EFFORTS IN RUSK & BARRON COUNTIES

BARRON, WI – Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was in Barron today for an update on the Rusk-Barron Drug Task Force's Methamphetamine Prevention and Enforcement Initiative. Obey secured \$300,000 in federal funds last year to support the task force's work.

"We've seen a significant drop in meth cases in Wisconsin, but the drug is still a real problem, putting real strain on our law enforcement agencies and our communities," said Obey, the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. "That's why drug task forces, like the one serving Barron and Rusk, are so important."

The Barron-Rusk Drug Enforcement Task Force is made up of eight law enforcement agencies from Barron and Rusk Counties as well as the District Attorneys from both counties. The Barron County Sheriff's Office currently acts as lead agency for the taskforce. The federal funds Obey secured are intended to help the taskforce continue to implement a methamphetamine prevention and enforcement initiative that will allow the taskforce to fund two full-time drug investigators and two part-time drug enforcement officers.

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